

# St. John Lutheran Church and Preschool

*Seventh Sunday After the Trinity*

**Divine Service Setting Three**  
*with alternate movements*  
**August 2&3, 2025**



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**Holy Communion** *The Lord welcomes to his table all who repent of sin and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior. In this meal the Lord is present by a mystery in his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. As the Lord's Supper is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and lest any eat and drink unworthily, those who are not yet instructed as members or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Lord's Supper, are asked to first speak to the pastor. Those who are not communing but wishing to receive a blessing are also invited to come forward. Simply bow your head to indicate that a blessing is desired.*

**As we prepare for worship together please remember to  
set your phone to silent mode. Thank You!**

**Mission Statement: Growing a Christian Community  
rooted in Faith, Fellowship, and Service**

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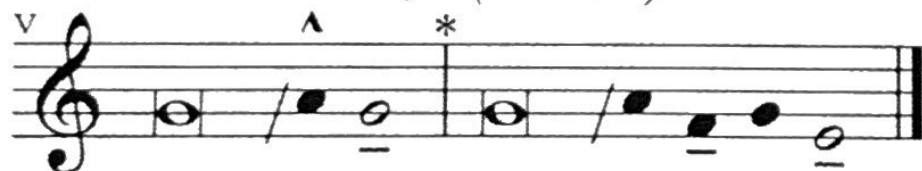
**August 2&3, 2025**     *As we gather for this service let us take time to lay aside our thoughts of other things as we prayerfully prepare for the worship of our Lord. Inside the front covers of your hymnal are Prayers For Worship. Additionally inside the back cover of your hymnal are the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds as well as the Lord's Prayer.*

**Bell tones and Prelude** *(We reflect in silent prayer during the time of the prelude)*

**Hymn:** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*     **849**  
*(As the music begins, please rise to sing)*

**Confession and Absolution**     **p. 184**

**Introit:** *Psalm 47:3, 1 (Mode V)*

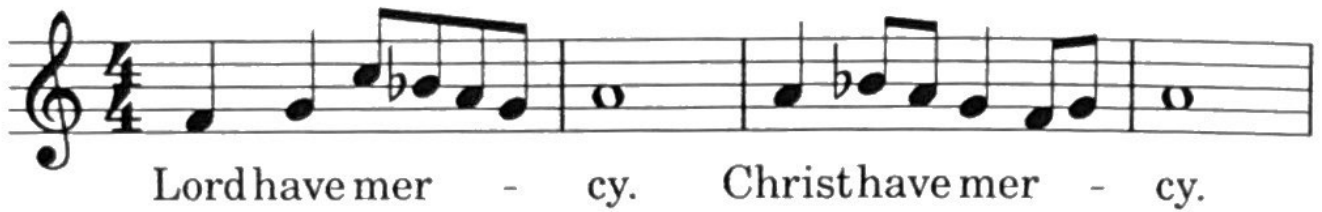


Antiphon: He shall subdue the people / under us,  
and the / nations under our feet.

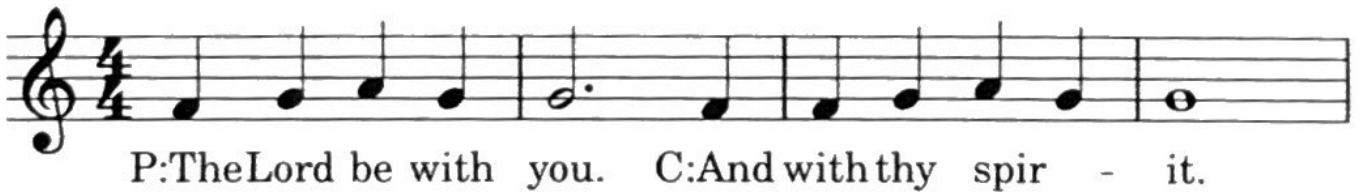
A: Oh, clap your hands, all / ye people;  
shout unto God / with the voice of triumph.

**C: Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\***  
**and / to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be-/ginning,\***  
**is now, and will / be forever. Amen.**

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**Kyrie - Lord Have Mercy**

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**Hymn Of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis****p. 187****Salutation and Collect of the Day****First Reading: Isaiah 62:6–12**

Thus says the LORD God: I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. The LORD has sworn by His right hand and by the arm of His strength: "Surely I will no longer give your grain as food for your enemies; and the sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine, for which you have labored. But those who have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; those who have brought it together shall drink it in My holy courts." Go through, go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway! Take out the stones, lift up a banner for the peoples! Indeed the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the world: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your

salvation is coming; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.’ ” And they shall call them The Holy People, the Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, a City Not Forsaken.

A: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Epistle:** *Romans 6:19–23*

Brethren: I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual:** *Psalm 34:5, 11 (Mode V)*

They looked unto Him, and / were lightened:  
and their / faces were not ashamed.

Come, ye children, hearken / unto me:  
I will teach / you the fear of the LORD.



## Alleluia



## Holy Gospel: *Mark 8:1-9*

**P:** The Lord be with You.

**C:** And with your Spirit. (*Spoken*)

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time: The multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar." Then His disciples answered Him, "How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?" He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven." So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and they set them before the multitude. They also had a few small fish; and having blessed them, He said to set them also before them. So they ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments. Now those who had eaten were about four thousand. And He sent them away.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed** p. 191

**Hymn of the Day:** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* 709

**Sermon**

**Offertory** *Create in Me A Clean Heart* p. 192

*(As the music begins, please rise to sing)*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Preface** p. 194

**Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy** p. 195

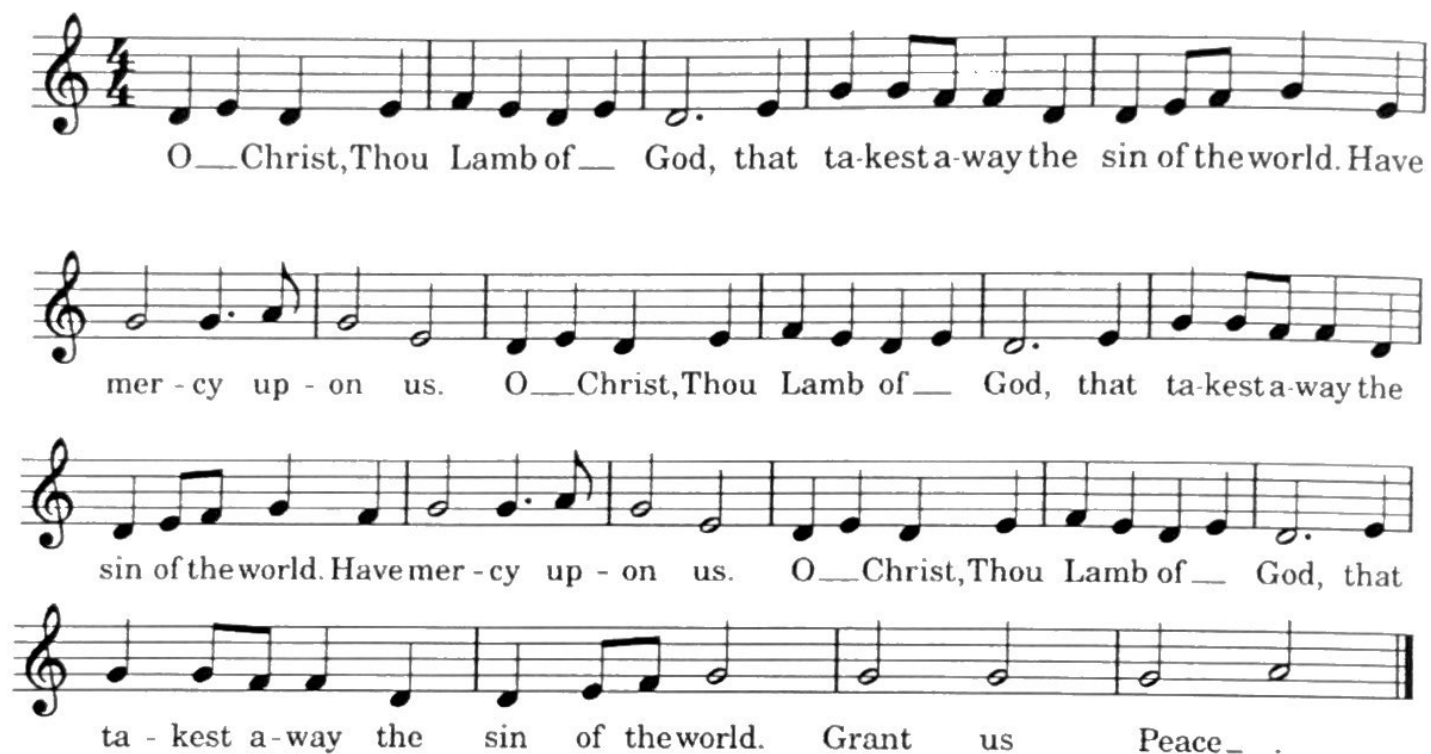
**The Prayer of Thanksgiving** <sup>1</sup>

**The Words of Our Lord** p. 197

**Lord's Prayer** p. 196

**Pax Domini – The Peace of the Lord** p. 197

## Agnus Dei - Lamb of God



O\_\_Christ, Thou Lamb of\_\_ God, that ta-kest a-way the sin of the world. Have

mer - cy up - on us. O\_\_Christ, Thou Lamb of\_\_ God, that ta-kest a-way the

sin of the world. Have mer - cy up - on us. O\_\_Christ, Thou Lamb of\_\_ God, that

ta - kest a-way the sin of the world. Grant us Peace\_ .

### Distribution

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**Communion Prayers** *Prayers are provided for before and after communing inside the front cover of the hymnal under “Prayers for Worship”. Please make use of these prayers or your own prayers during the time before, during and after communion*

**Post Communion Collect** **p. 201**

**Salutation and Benedicamus** **P. 201**

**Benediction** **p. 202**

**Closing Hymn:** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer* **918**

*(We reflect in silent prayer following the closing hymn)*

**Postlude**

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**Offerings for God** *The offering box is in the narthex for our giving.*

**Church Attendance**

Wednesday.....10  
Saturday.....20  
Sunday.....42

1. *The Prayer of Thanksgiving III – adapted from Apostolic Tradition, Worship Supplement, CPH 1969.*

**Ice Cream Social:** The Ice Cream Socials are happening on August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The events are on Saturdays at 6:15 pm and Sundays at 11:15 am.

**Tuesday Bible study in the lounge:** Join us for our Tuesday morning Bible study beginning at 10 AM for fellowship and a study of the Gospel of John. All welcome!

**Assisting with our service:** Assistant: Paul Patnood (Sat) Lewis Balsizer (Sun), Lead Deacon: Diane Foell (Sat) Chris Dougan (Sun), Reader: Lois McCutcheon (Sat) Lewis Balsizer (Sun), Altar Guild: Lois McCutcheon (Sat) Kathryn Chester (Sun)

**Did you know? – Saying Amen!**

Amen means, “Yes,” “So be it,” or “It is true!” I once heard a pastor say that the word “Amen” belongs to the people of God alone! It is true. In fact, as you look at the hymnal anywhere in our Service settings where “Amen” is indicated to be said it is always placed in the mouth of the people and never the Pastor. Amen is a common response to statements made by the Pastor in the Divine Service. This is because he speaks for the Lord and the people are to respond receiving in faith all that God gives! So, let them ever say, “Amen!” “It is true!”

## **News At St. John Church**

**Ladies Book Study:** If you are interested in attending a ladies' Christian book study, please text or call Wendy at - 860-975-8170. Dates and times TBD.

**Alternate Divine Service Setting:** We have enjoyed worshipping with Divine Service Setting 3 for some time. Matthew and Pastor will be gradually introducing a new setting with music based of Gregorian Chant melodies based in the language of the common service (Divine Service Setting 3)

**Update on the Bee St. Property:** The Bee St. Property has sold recently.

**Tag Sale:** This year's tag sale made a profit of \$1,200 which was given to the general fund. Thank you to everyone who helped set it up, run it, and break down everything once it was over. All the remainders were picked up by Hartspings Big Brothers Big Sisters who have helped us for the past few years. A big thank you for everyone who donated "treasures" and helped to make it a big success!

**Cans and Bottles Update:** When donating cans and bottles for the fundraising committee, please check the bottle to see if it qualifies for a recycling return. Thank you!

## *Jesus Restores Paradise and Feeds Us Freely*

In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7–17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, “By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground . . .” (Gen. 3:19). In other words, “The wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (Mark 8:1–9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For “the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 6:23).